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## Alien troops must quit Cambodia, Kabul--EEC

LONDON, Oct. 14 (AFP) — Foreign ministers of the 10 European Economic Community nations and the five-member Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Wednesday condemned the stationing of Vietnam troops in Cambodia (Kampuchea) and Soviet forces in Afghanistan.

In a statement issued after their meeting here, the 15 said that in both cases "a small, independent state has been invaded and occupied by a foreign power in violation of international law." The statement said the action threatened peace and international security, inflicted suffering on innocent peoples and created serious problems for neighboring states.

They called for the complete withdrawal of Vietnamese troops and for conditions to be established — under United Nations supervision — which would allow Cambodians to choose freely their own government. The ministers also expressed their "grave concern" over continued Soviet army operations against the Afghan people.

They also urged that a solution be found to the Afghan crisis in line with resolutions adopted by the United Nations and Islamic Conference and a European proposal for an international conference on Afghanistan. British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington,

currently chairman of the EEC Ministers' Council, conceded that the Soviet Union could not currently accept the idea of such a conference. But he said the continued difficulties the red army is having with Afghan fighters as well as the strong condemnation Moscow will have to face at the United Nations this year will eventually force the Kremlin to the conference table.

Lord Carrington also said that the EEC was in favor of a "third force" in Cambodia, which would be neither the Communist Khmer Rouge regime ousted in 1979 nor the subsequent Hanoi-backed government in Phnom Penh. He also said that the backing of the EEC would be only political, thus dismissing the possibility of military aid to chase the Vietnamese out of the battered Asian country.

Singapore's foreign minister, S. Dhanabalan, urged on behalf of ASEAN that efforts be made to "mobilize international public opinion against Vietnam" for its occupation of Cambodia.

The EEC and ASEAN countries expressed the hope that the north-south summit scheduled for Oct. 22-23 in Cancun, Mexico, would lead to the opening of global talks between the world's rich and poor nations as soon as possible.

## For Rabigh refinery Fahd to lay cornerstone

JEDDAH, Oct. 14 (SPA) — King Khaled has deputized Crown Prince Fahd to lay the cornerstone for Petromin's Rabigh refinery on his behalf Thursday. The project incorporates building a large-scale refinery with a daily capacity of 325,000 barrels, and another plant which will produce basic oils.

The project, according to Mansour Al-Suhaimi of the Jeddah Refinery Board, also includes the establishment of a model township for 15,000 workers equipped with all services. A petroleum export port will be built as part of the project and will export the refinery's petroleum products.

The refinery also will produce 5,300 barrels of liquid gas daily, in addition to 33,370 barrels of aircraft fuel, 76,700 barrels of fuel oil, hydrocarbonic materials, diesel and other products.

The Rabigh plant, to be built jointly with several international companies, will be fed with crude oil through the petroline East-West oil pipeline.

Prince Fahd will visit Rabigh Thursday and attend a function to be organized by Petromin there. The town, 200 kilometers north of Jeddah, has made elaborate preparations to welcome the prince.

The King also received Wednesday at his office here heads of pilgrimage missions from the Philippines, Senegal, Syria, Pakis-



Crown Prince Fahd  
tan, Mauritania, Indonesia, Somalia and the leader of the Indian Bohara community.

He received a message from King Hassan II of Morocco which was conveyed by Moroccan Ambassador to the Kingdom Muhammad Al-Arabi during a meeting with King Khaled Wednesday. Prince Fahd also was present at the meeting.

## Mubarak to pursue goals set by Sadat

CAIRO, Oct. 14 (R) — Egypt's new leader Hosni Mubarak pledged Wednesday to follow the path laid by assassinated President Anwar Sadat, but indicated he would take a tougher line against extremists at home.

In a 55-minute speech to parliament after being sworn in as president, Mubarak said Egypt would press ahead with its peace treaty with Israel and stick to all its political and economic agreements. However, he warned troublemakers that they would be dealt with severely.

Mubarak, whose succession to the presidency was endorsed in a national referendum Tuesday, a week after Sadat was killed at a military parade, said: "I announce to all those who are playing with fire that the people's fire is stronger and that the sovereignty of the law means respect for the law."

"To those who want to play around with the nation's will, I declare that not a single one of them will escape firm punishment and (they) will be brought to severe account."

The new president was speaking after two bombs exploded at Cairo airport Tuesday, killing one person and wounding four, and clashes between police and extremists in the southern town of Asyut in which more than 50 people died last week. Mubarak, vice president since 1975, eulogized Sadat and, his voice choking with emotion, said it was fate that had made him Egypt's leader.

Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail said Mubarak was approved by more than 98 percent of the people who voted in Tuesday's poll. He received 9,567,904 votes and only 149,650 people voted against him. Mubarak, groomed as successor by Sadat, was unopposed in the referendum and was presented by the press as the candidate for continuity and peace with Israel.

The first to pay tribute to the new Egyptian leader was Sudan's President Jaafar Numeiri who was sitting beside Mubarak. "Egypt has chosen a hero in war and in the battle for peace," he said.

Mubarak said the greatest tribute Egypt could pay to its former president, who ruled the country for 11 years, was to follow the course he had set. He called on Egyptians to rise above their differences and unify their ranks. "Let us press forward to build the state, the institutions, the freedom for which he gave his life and blood..." Mubarak declared.

Referring to the peace process with Israel begun by President Sadat's historic trip to Jerusalem in 1977, Mubarak said he would press ahead with talks to bring autonomy to the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But he emphasized that Egypt was not trying to speak for the Palestinians or tell them what to do.

He said he had received a commitment

from Israel that it would stick to the agreed schedule for withdrawing from the last part of occupied Sinai, due to be returned to Egyptian rule in April next year.

When the Egyptian flag was raised over the Sinai town of Sharm El Sheikh, President Sadat's objective would have been achieved. "The Egyptian people and army will have reached their greatest accomplishment," Mubarak said.

The peace process with Israel won Egyptian approval in the Western world but brought opposition from most Arab states. Only three Arab countries, Somalia, Oman and Sudan, were represented at President Sadat's funeral last Saturday.

But Mubarak said Egypt was more committed than ever to the peace process. President Reagan had reaffirmed the backing of the United States as a full partner in the Camp David accords with Israel, he said.

On the economic front, Mubarak again moved to reassure businessmen that the open-door policy on foreign investment, introduced after the 1973 war with Israel, would continue and be expanded. "The open-door policy remains as it is and we will even improve and enhance it," he told the 392-member parliament.

Mubarak and Numeiri departed parliament side-by-side, standing at attention as the Republican Guard played the national anthem. Rifle-toting paratroops ringed the building along with other security police. The government said more than 81 percent of Egypt's 12 million voters went to the polls.

In Kuwait, the newspaper *Al-Wakeel* quoted a telephone caller as saying the "International Salvation Organization" had failed in an attempt to assassinate Numeiri at Sadat's funeral last Saturday. No details of the alleged plot were given.

However, in an interview with Israel radio foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir rejected Mubarak's recent statement that Israel should recognize Palestinian rights to self-determination and Arab rule over occupied east Jerusalem.



EEC DISCUSSIONS: Foreign ministers of the 10 Common Market countries seated around the table discuss foreign policy coordination in Lancaster House. The meeting was chaired by Lord Carrington.

## Egypt gets AWACS; House denies Kingdom deal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (Agencies) — The United States will fly Thursday two AWACS radar planes to Egypt to "bolster" the country's defensive capabilities, Defense Department spokesman Dean Fischer announced Wednesday. The two aircraft will be based indefinitely in Egypt, he said. Meanwhile the House of Representatives, as expected, unanimously rejected President Ronald Reagan's proposed sale of similar planes to Saudi Arabia. The vote was 310 to 111.

The planes for Egypt from Tinker Air Base, Oklahoma, will be crewed by Americans and serviced by a number of U.S. air force technicians, the spokesman said.

Fischer added that the United States was also "actively considering ways to increase military assistance to Sudan," and that a decision could be announced "in a matter of days."

The United States is planning to provide \$100 million in military aid to Egypt's southern neighbor.

Earlier a State Department source said the main task for the AWACS will be to monitor Egyptian air space close to the border between Egypt and Libya.

Despite the Reagan defeat in the House of Representatives, he picked up support in his drive to salvage the sale in the Senate as five Senators committed themselves to support him, two had been leaning against approving the deal.

In the Senate, the latest Associated Press count is 33 for or leaning for the sale and 55 against or leaning that way. Twelve Senators are uncommitted.

Both houses must veto the sale to stop it. The White House had acknowledged even before the House vote that it would lose there.

## Kingdom denies condolence note

RIYADH, Oct. 14 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has not sent any letters of condolence on the occasion of the death of President Sadat, according to a responsible Saudi Arabian source here Wednesday. The source was commenting on certain news agency reports claiming that some Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, had sent such letters but that they were not publicized. It said that nothing of the sort was done, neither publicly nor secretly.

## Saharans down 2 Moroccan aircraft

RABAT, Oct. 14 (Agencies) — The desert war between Morocco and the independent Polisario Front in Western Sahara moved into a new phase Tuesday with the successful use of ultra-sophisticated anti-aircraft missiles by the Saharans during an attack on the Moroccan garrison at Guelat-Zennour.

Morocco's King Hassan said after two of his aircraft were shot down that the missiles were of a type unknown to African technicians. And in a note to international organizations and governments involved in the search for a solution to the Saharan issue, the king also reported the arrival on the battlefield of dozens of tracked military vehicles. The missiles brought down a C-130 Hercules military transport aircraft flying at 6,000 meters and a French-built Mirage jet fighter flying at maximum speed at an altitude of 10,000 meters.

A reliable source said the Polisario forces used SAM-6 missiles of Soviet manufacture. These are far more sophisticated than the SAM-7 used previously by the Polisario, and the king believes that they could not have been fired by African hands. The source said that the Hercules, on reconnaissance, had been hit first by one of the missiles it had located. Mirages were then dispatched to deal with the enemy and one was shot down in turn, but other pilots clearly identified the SAM-6 launching ramps.

Speaking in an emergency session of parliament Tuesday night, Prime Minister Maati Bouabid said that the latest developments

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demonstrated that the battle was "no longer an African regional problem", nor the "alleged right to self-determination (of the so-called Sahrawi people)". It was rather the "suppression of what now exists in this part of Africa to replace it by something foreign to our civilization and our culture."

Parliament accused the Algerian and Libyan governments of responsibility for shooting down the two aircraft. Parliament adopted a motion which "imputed the responsibility to the Algerian and Libyan governments which undertake acts to convene the war" in Western Sahara, the Moroccan news agency MAP reported.

In its motion, parliament expressed its full support for all measures that could be taken by the king to face up to the situation and appealed to world opinion to "denounce this heinous act." Bouabid told parliament the attack was launched by the Polisario from "bases outside our international frontiers."

Moroccan leaders are alleging that the attack on Guelat-Zennour was carried out

by Polisario, but with active support from non-African military technicians.

Morocco has also accused Mauritania and Algeria of being involved in the latest attack. Mauritania is alleged to have let the raiders use its territory as a springboard for the attack, and Algeria—considered here in any case as Polisario's main supporter—is said to have broken the pledge of President Chadli Bendjedid not to do anything that could compromise the peace process.

On the king's side, it is far from clear that he wants to interrupt the peace procedure which has been started by the Organization of African Unity (OAU), although he said in his note that this "flagrant disregard" for OAU resolutions now left him free of any obligation himself.

On the contrary, he asked the addressees of his note to ensure the respect of OAU resolutions, while Bouabid called on the Moroccan people to be extra vigilant in the period leading up to the agreed referendum on the future of Western Sahara.

## Nobel Peace Prize awarded to U.N. refugee organization

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OSLO, Oct. 14 (Agencies) — The 1981 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Wednesday to the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva, the third time it and its predecessors have won the award.

The five-member selection committee awarded a record \$200,000 in prize money this year. The office was established by the United Nations and began work Jan. 1, 1951. It won the prize in 1954 and its predecessor, the Nansen International Office for Refugees, won the prize in 1938. The present high commissioner is former Danish Prime Minister Poul Hartling.

The UNHCR becomes the second international organization to win the peace prize for a third time: the International Red Cross gained the award in 1963, 1944 and 1917. The committee chairman, John Sanness, reading from the official citation, said the office of the high commissioner had carried out extensive and valuable work to help refugees throughout the world.

Sanness said the work had been done by the office in the face of many political difficulties. The chairman estimated there were between 14 and 18 million refugees in the world today, particularly in areas like Africa and

Asia. There were a record 86 candidates for the prize, including the leader of Poland's Solidarity Trade Union, Lech Walesa, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

In Geneva, Hartling described the Nobel award as a recognition of the world refugee problem. "I am completely taken by surprise," he said when told of the Oslo announcement. "This award is not only for the devoted staff of my office but for the courageous refugee people of the world. They are some of the best people in the world," Hartling added. The Danish-born official said the Nobel Peace Prize would be seen as a great encouragement by the refugees themselves.

It was the third consecutive year that the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded for humanitarian work. Last year, it went to a human rights campaigner in Argentina, Adolfo Perez and in 1979 the award went to Mother Teresa for her work among the destitute of Calcutta.

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## CIA probing Sadat killing

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP) — The Washington Post said Wednesday that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency is conducting an investigation to determine if there was any involvement, direct or indirect, by foreign powers such as Libya in the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

The newspaper said that according to knowledgeable administration sources, the report, which is also to assess the U.S. response during the unfolding crisis, is expected to be presented to the White House in about two weeks.

For at least three hours after Sadat was assassinated, the White House was being told by Egyptian authorities and American and diplomatic intelligence officials in Cairo that he was still alive, the Post said its sources reported.

One key reason why Washington believed Sadat was still alive was an incorrect eyewitness assessment that he was only slightly wounded, the newspaper said, reporting that this assessment was telephoned to the State Department by the U.S. Ambassador in Cairo L. Atherton.

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**Pilgrims asked to leave**

**Naif advises against overstaying**

JEDDAH, Oct. 14 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif advised pilgrims Wednesday to leave the Kingdom now that they have performed one of their most sacred religious duties — Hajj. He advised them not to delay their departure.

The prince said a crackdown will start soon against those who stay after their visa has expired to hunt for jobs or foment trouble. Anyone giving them shelter, work or encouraging them to stay beyond the duration of their visa will also be punished, he warned. Special squads will catch and deport those illegal residents, he added.

He added that the special pilgrimage passports system will help authorities trace pilgrims who stay behind illegally. However, the pilgrimage passports system was only applied by 14 countries. Prince Naif said he hoped that next year the system would be applied to all pilgrims.

The Kingdom again will circulate instruc-



Prince Naif  
tions for abiding by the principles of pilgrimage and not creating any type of disruption through its embassies in Islamic countries in the coming years. He expressed the hope that

pilgrims would anticipate these instructions, otherwise the Kingdom will be forced to take measures which it would not like apply to any pilgrim.

Discussing another subject, the interior minister said that intensive contacts are underway among interior ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council's (GCC) member states to work out a collective security plan. Prince Naif said these moves are in line with GCC foreign ministers conference's recommendations for drawing a specific security strategy.

He added that the region faces many challenges to its security. The way to confront them begins by acquainting the region's citizens to these challenges and then by relying on God and self defense, Prince Naif said.

In the meantime Prince Naif said he hoped that the reasons that led to Egypt's isolation in the Arab world will disappear. But he refused to comment on the death of President Sadat and the rise of Hosni Mubarak, saying, "What is going on in Egypt is an internal matter, and we cannot comment at this stage, because the picture is not clear yet." He said he had knowledge of an invitation being extended to Egypt to attend the coming Arab League meeting.

In another development, Pakistani Interior Minister Mahmood Haroon Wednesday commended the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council and described it as "a good idea which realizes the interests of Arabs and Muslims." He added that the GCC paves the way for the formation of the Islamic cooperation council which will close their ranks and unify their work toward their common objectives.

Haroon expressed satisfaction with the development of the fraternal relations between his country and the Kingdom. He said that Pakistan's policy is identical to the Kingdom's in all fields arising from the belief in Islamic fraternity and common destiny.

The Pakistani minister reiterated his country's support for the Saudi Arabian peace proposal for a just and comprehensive Middle East settlement, declared by Crown Prince Fahd.

Haroon also expressed appreciation for the Kingdom's great efforts in service to pilgrims. He said the number of projects executed by the Kingdom in the benefit of pilgrims — including flyovers, tunnels, roads and other public facilities — can not be overlooked by any one and deserve praise and admiration.



**APPOINTMENT:** Bernard Looke recently was appointed general manager of Al Badr Sheraton in Jeddah, officials reported. Looke joined Sheraton in 1967 and has served in various management positions. Among the positions he has served are: resident manager of Aruba Sheraton from 1971-72; resident manager, Sheraton-Hong Kong from 1973-75. In 1976, Looke was named vice president for Sheraton Hotels in the Pacific.

**For contribution to pilgrimage**  
**Wasie thanks senior officials**

JEDDAH, Oct. 14 (SPA) — Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie sent cables of thanks to senior officials on the occasion of the end of the pilgrimage. On behalf of pilgrims, Sheikh Abdul Wasie expressed deep gratitude for the officials' contribution to serve pilgrims.

He said their participation had great influence in providing all the services that resulted in a successful pilgrimage season this year.

In other news, Tunisian Health Minister Rasheed Safar declared that the existing cooperation between Tunisia and Saudi Arabia in the health services will be strengthened further to keep with the cooperation in other sectors between the two countries.

Safar, who is also the leader of Tunisian pilgrimage mission this year, disclosed the bilateral cooperation in the field of sanitation will receive wide attention in the coming years between the two countries. He said measures will be initiated by the health personnel to tackle the cooperation in the field of sanitation.

He expressed his happiness over the comprehensive services and excellent efforts exerted by King Khaled's government, in serving the pilgrims and in ensuring the performance of the pilgrimage in an easy manner

**Patient's doctor gives own blood**

JIZAN, Oct. 14 — An Egyptian surgeon donated a large quantity of his own blood here Tuesday prior to performing an operation on an old patient, Okaz reported Wednesday.

The patient was found to have cancer in her left leg four years ago, but medication failed to cure her. It was necessary to operate her leg to prevent the spread of cancer any further. She was hospitalized a few days ago, but while preparing the operations room the surgeon, Dr. Ashour Ahmad Ashour, discovered there was not enough blood at the hospital for a transfusion. Without hesitating, he donated his blood then went to perform a successful surgery amid the astonishment and admiration of the other patients and staff of the hospital.

**Consulate issues 600 visas daily**

JEDDAH, Oct. 14 — The Saudi Arabian Consulate in the Philippines issued 500-600 visas daily to Saudi Arabia, according to the consul, Moaffaq Mahmoud Hafez.

Hafez was quoted by Okaz Wednesday as saying that only Muslim female servants are allowed to come to work in Saudi Arabia. This condition, however, is difficult to meet since most of the Muslim girls live in the province of Mindanao and sometimes cannot afford the trip to Manila.

There are more than 200 labor export offices in the Philippines and each one of them has a representative who reports daily to the embassy, which is staffed only with four Saudi Arabians and 13 Filipinos. And some of the representatives do not abide by the regulations.

Also, no fewer than 30 Saudi Arabian nationals come every day to complain about refusal of the Filipino side to implement this or that clause of a private contract. Hafez advised compatriots when they arrive in Manila to report to their embassy for a briefing and leave their address and phone number.

**Chatti addresses diplomatic press**

PARIS, Oct. 14 (SPA) — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference, reiterated Tuesday that Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point Mideast peace plan was the best framework for a just and comprehensive peace in the area.

Speaking to the Diplomatic Press League here, Chatti said he believed that the November Arab Summit Conference in Fez, Morocco, will endorse the initiative and submit it to Europe and the United States for resolving the Mideast crisis.

The plan, Chatti said, is based on Arab, Islamic and United Nations resolution for the rights of the Palestinian people.



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Maghreb (Sunset)	5:57	5:56	5:27	5:13	5:37	6:06
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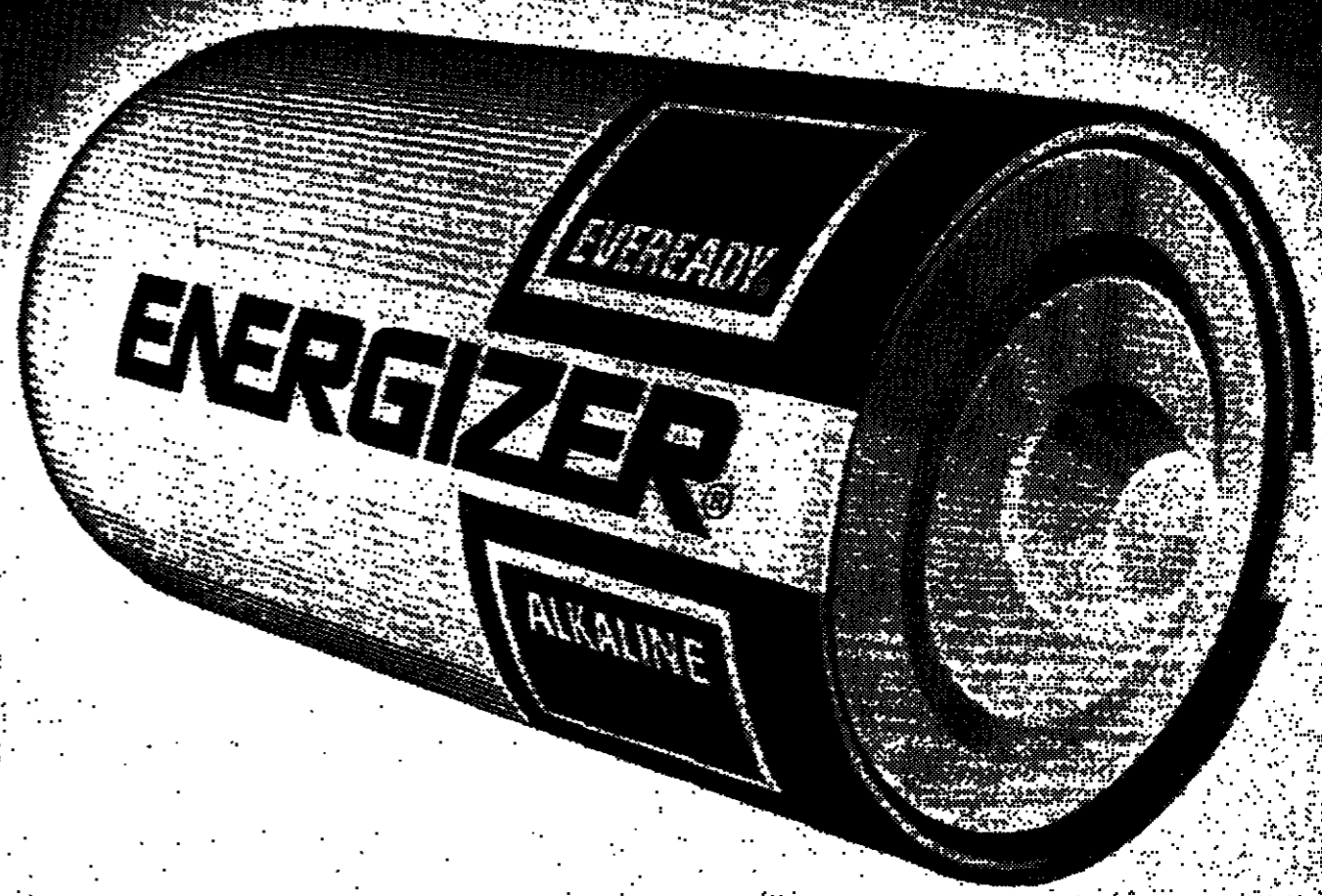
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# Japan ready to play M.E. mediator role

TOKYO, Oct. 14 (AP) — Japan's leaders told visiting Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat they want to mediate a "just, lasting, and comprehensive" peace in the Mideast, a top foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda told the PLO chairman that Japan would like to conduct active talks between all parties concerned, foreign ministry spokesman Tazuo Watanabe said at a briefing for the foreign press in Tokyo. Sonoda stressed that Japan was in a position to be "neutral" and "fair," said Watanabe.

The Japanese foreign minister also said the Camp David agreement should be the basis for further talks on a Middle East peace settlement, but he left open the possibility that the eight-point peace plan put forward by Crown Prince Fahd could also be considered as a basis for talks.

In a separate meeting, Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki told Arafat that Japan was neither behind the PLO nor Israel, Watanabe said. Suzuki asked the PLO chief to understand Japan's position, which is that Israel has a right to exist and, at the same time, the Palestinian people have a right to self-determination, he said.

Suzuki also stressed to Arafat that Japan

was a member of the West and would continue to consult with the United States and other Western democracies to promote a negotiated Mideast Peace. Watanabe said Arafat asked the Japanese for "more understanding about the cause and actual struggle of the Palestinian people." He said Arafat made no requests for financial assistance. Watanabe described the atmosphere of the talks as "very friendly."

In Washington, King Juan Carlos of Spain, outlining a broader diplomatic role for his country, told President Reagan Tuesday he hopes to use his influence to promote peace in the Middle East. A U.S. official said Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig would pursue the initiative with Spanish officials. "Any help of that kind would be welcome," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

At the United Nations, the PLO's chief observer Zehdi Labib Terzi said the PLO is heartened by what it regards as a growing trend of unofficial, albeit conditional support from influential Americans, despite Reagan's refusal to deal with it.

He greeted as "positive, constructive and significant" statements by former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford on the need for eventual U.S. negotiations with the guerrilla organization headed by Yasser Arafat.

# U.S. court refuses to hear plea by Palestinian

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (R) — The U.S. Supreme Court refused Tuesday to block extradition of a Palestinian wanted in Israel on charges of planting a bomb which is alleged to have killed two persons and wounded 36 in the Israeli port city of Tiberias in 1979.

The court refused to hear an appeal by Ziad Abu Eain, 21, held in a Chicago jail, against lower court decisions that there was sufficient evidence to send him to Israel to face trial. James Femerty, a lawyer for Ziad, told reporters after the high court's decision that he would make a last-resort appeal to the Supreme Court.

Ziad's lawyer had contended there was insufficient evidence to link him with the bombing and that the attack was a political offense exempted from an existing extradition treaty between the United States and Israel.

# Romanian minister arrives in Iraq

BEIRUT, Oct. 14 (R) — Romanian Deputy Prime Minister Ion Dinca arrived in Baghdad Wednesday to head his country's delegation at talks on economic and commercial cooperation, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. It quoted Dinca as saying on arrival that he was carrying a message from President Nicolae Ceausescu to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the prospects of bilateral cooperation.

# Chad denies Libyans planning Sudan invasion

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 14 (AP) — The foreign minister of the Libyan-backed regime in Chad denied "rumors" that Libya planned to invade the Sudan through Chadian territory.

Acyl Ahmad Aghbach accused Sudan of supporting insurgents warring against his regime and warned Sudan not to shelter Chadian forces opposed to his faction. Acyl said that "behind Sudan there are foreign powers that wish to destabilize our government" by spreading "rumors" of impending Libyan invasions.

Referring to the alleged invasion plan, he noted that Libya, which maintains an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 troops in Chad, also shares a common border with Sudan. Acyl, who said he met journalists to clear up media misrepresentations about the situation in his country also stressed that Chad had invited Libyan forces into the country, when no other countries would aid the war-ravaged economy of the 967,000 square mile country. Acyl made his remarks in French.

And despite the presence of Libyan troops,

# Libya wants meeting of front states

BEIRUT, Oct. 14 (AP) — Libya has launched an effort to convene an emergency meeting of the steadfastness and confrontation front to discuss developments in the Middle East following the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, a pro-Libyan Lebanese newspaper reported Wednesday.

Quoting Palestinian sources, *As-Safir* said Libyan Foreign Affairs Minister Abdul-Salam Triki discussed the possibility with Syrian President Hafez Assad during a recent visit to Syria. The front which is made up of Libya, Syria, Algeria, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization last met in

Acyl said his country is ready to accept a pan-African peacekeeping force to maintain order.

Sudan's President Jaaffar Numeiri charged Monday in Cairo that Qaddafi is planning to invade Sudan with Soviet support, and told the Associated Press that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig had assured him that the Soviets and Libyans would not be allowed to undermine his regime.

Sudan accuses Libya of daily bombing raids on Sudanese villages bordering Chad, which Acyl said are sheltering foes of his regime. He charged that those Chadian "dissidents" have attacked Chadian villages across the border with Sudanese troop support. Numeiri also said in another interview that he may wage a "preventive war" against Libya.

But Acyl denied reports that the Libyan presence in Chad involves a virtual annexation of the former French colony. "Libya has not invaded our country. It is very much by invitation that it came in and we are very grateful," he said.

# September in the Libyan city of Benghazi at summit level. At the end of the talks, the front called for stronger ties with the Soviet Union and a condemnation of the Israeli-U.S. strategic agreement.

*As-Safir* said the upcoming meeting, if convened, would be on the ministerial level. It said Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi in a letter to Assad had stressed the importance of holding the meeting to discuss "the dangerous developments in the region in the aftermath of Sadat's death and in the light of increased U.S. campaigns against the Libyan Arab Republic."

# Relay unit of Iran TV is wrecked

TEHRAN, Oct. 14 (Agencies) — An armed commando has wrecked a major TV relay station serving north Iran, the newspaper *Azadegan* reported Wednesday.

Quoting police in Mazandaran province, it said the unidentified attackers held two guards hostage while wrecking the station Tuesday afternoon. Several of the gang were killed when their getaway car crashed, the paper said.

Meanwhile, revolutionary courts executed 20 leftist militants in several Iranian cities Tuesday after swift trials, Tehran radio said.

The radio said all were members of the Mujahedeen which has been blamed for a string of bombings and assassinations. They brought before firing squads after being convicted of taking part in street clashes, armed rebellion against the government and acts of terrorism.

The evening newspaper *Ettela'at* listed 37 executions but did not give any date. The executions brought to about 1,750 the number of persons mostly leftists, shot since last June.

# Attack on PLO official reported

BEIRUT, Oct. 14 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in Libya Suleiman Sherfa, code named Abu Tarek, has escaped an assassination attempt in Malta's capital of Valetta, the leftist Beirut newspaper *Al-Laws* reported Wednesday. The PLO withheld official comment. But sources close to the organization confirmed *Al-Laws*'s report, saying there will be an official announcement from the PLO when complete details about the attempt are available. *Al-Laws* said a lone gunman shot at Al-Sherfa while he was on a private visit to Valetta. The gunman missed

Al-Sherfa but killed a Palestinian companion of him with a family name of Tamimi. His first name was unavailable, the paper added.

It said the gunman was immediately arrested by Maltese security men but it did not say when the attempt on Al-Sherfa's life was made. Sources in Beirut who wished to remain anonymous said: However, the Valetta attack occurred on the same day PLO official spokesman Majed Abu Sharar was killed by a bomb blast at his hotel room in Rome Friday.

# BRIEFS

TUNIS (AP) — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon arrived in Tunis Wednesday for what officials here described as "a brief private visit." Tunisia will be the fourth stop on a tour of Arab countries.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Anti-Communist fighters shot to death 36 ruling party members and ambushed and killed five policemen in Kabul last week in an apparent intensification of their activity, a report from Afghanistan said Tuesday.

TUNIS (AFP) — The Arab League summit is still set for Nov. 25 at Fes, Morocco, and so far Tunisia, Somalia, Lebanon and Jordan have said they will take part. League sources said here Monday night. Some Arab countries reportedly have asked for the summit to be postponed until the situation in Egypt becomes a little clearer in the reorganization following President Anwar Sadat's

assassination last week.

AIZTON (AFP) — U.S. special envoy to the Middle East Philip Habib will return shortly to the region to "strengthen and consolidate" the Lebanon ceasefire, the State Department announced here Tuesday.

ROME (AP) — The International Fund for Agricultural Development will provide a \$23 million interest-free loan to Bangladesh for a rural development project in the Jessore and Faridpur districts, the U.N. agency announced Tuesday.

ANKARA (R) — Turkey is anxiously watching Greece's general election Sunday and fears that a victory there by Socialist opposition leader Andreas Papandreu could sour improving relations between the two countries, according to senior government sources.



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# Moscow offers to withdraw missiles

BRUSSELS, Oct. 14 (AFP) — The Soviet Union would be willing to withdraw some of its SS-20 nuclear missiles aimed at Europe if the Western allies gave up their plans to counter with new U.S. arms, a senior Soviet official has disclosed.

Vadim Zagladin, the official, has also argued in favor of "option zero," which envisages the eventual withdrawal of all medium-range missiles, and said that under certain conditions Moscow might agree to on-site verification in the Soviet Union of arms limitation measures.

Zagladin, deputy chief of the international section of the Soviet Communist Party's central committee, made these remarks at a news conference here Tuesday. He was here at the invitation of the Belgian Institute of International Relations.

He said that Moscow might agree to reduce the number of its SS-20s targeted on Western Europe if the United States abandoned plans to deploy 572 Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles on allied territory starting in 1983.

Zagladin said that the Eastern and Western blocs each have 1,000 medium-range "vectors," comprising missiles and planes, currently in place to deliver nuclear warheads, including 300 French and British. But he said that in the Euro-missile talks scheduled to begin Nov. 30 in Geneva, the Soviet Union and the United States will be discussing only Soviet and U.S. weapons.

Zagladin also said that procedures to verify any arms limitation agreement reached at Geneva might be improved "on condition that this corresponds to a climate of mutual confidence and does not damage the feeling of security in each country." In this case, he said, "checks could be conducted on the territory of the Soviet Union itself."

The Soviet official also said that Moscow would not turn its nuclear arsenal on any northern European country that signed an eventual agreement for a "de-nuclearized" zone in the region. He said that this did not rule out the possibility of negotiations on de-nuclearization of a part of Soviet territory.

Zagladin also pledged that the Soviet Union would never supply another government with a missile that could carry nuclear weapons to a third country.

## Antidote unlikely to be found

# Search for cause of Spanish 'oil disease' fails

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Oct. 14 (AP) — After five months of efforts involving laboratories in four countries, medical science is still up against a wall in its search for the specific cause of a disease that killed 151 Spaniards so far and hit at least 15,000 others who consumed adulterated cooking oil sold as olive oil.

What is even worse, no antidote is likely to be found for those affected, and there is no certainty that victims apparently recovered may not, sooner or later, develop new and more serious symptoms.

These are the conclusions of a detailed report released here Tuesday by the World Health Organization's regional office for Europe. It was worked out by Dr. Roy Goulding, a British specialist in clinical toxicology who went to Spain as a consultant for the WHO.

His report read like a nightmare, both for the victims and for the medical men who found themselves up against something

they had never faced before — an unknown chemical reaction causing such damage to the human organism as no chemical had previously been known to be.

"It's a terrible thing," said Dr. J. Ian Waddington, WHO director for promotion of environmental health in preparing the report. "It is one of the most complex and difficult problems modern medical science has been up against."

"But the struggle to find the cause and means to alleviate the sufferings of the victims will go on, even if it takes years, and WHO will continue to monitor the whole exercise, for this appears to be a unique syndrome, the etiology (the cause), control and prevention of which could have lessons for other nations," Dr. Goulding said in his report. WHO officials indicated several Mediterranean countries are "sensitive" in the matter of food oil standards. Dr. Waddington announced that Gould-

ing is returning to Spain later this week to join a team of American toxicologists from Atlanta, Georgia and the national institutes of health in Bethesda, Maryland.

The laboratories of these American institutions were mobilized for analyses at an early stage. Also engaged in the project are the Max V. Pettenkoffer Institute of West Berlin and the poisons control center at Lyon, France.

Rapeseed oil, declared unfit for human consumption and denatured with anilin, came from France to Spain where it was de-denatured to "masquerade" as pure olive oil.

The Goulding report said "it would seem that no determined action was taken by the municipal authorities" to enforce the ban against the sale of adulterated oil. But it also praised Spanish authorities for tackling the problems vigorously once the disaster had struck. "No country could have done much more," Dr. Waddington commented.

## Invitation to Chiang

# Indian greetings to Taipei anger Peking

PEKING, Oct. 14 (Agencies) — China's official Xinhua news agency said Tuesday the anniversary greeting sent to Taipei by a group of Indian parliamentarians were "intolerable."

"This act of the Indian parliamentarians is most regrettable, for it goes against the desire of the Indian people to develop India-China friendship and impairs Sino-Indian relations," Xinhua said in a commentary.

The agency said, "it is a common occurrence that parliamentarians in some countries have views differing from their government. But it was said that this message of greetings was signed by Indian MPs, including many of the ruling Congress party... What has made it difficult to understand is that so far the Indian government has made no objection to this."

It noted that the Indian government had established relations with Peking in April 1950 and said the MP's message to the Republic of China about the "steadily growing friendship between the two peoples and the two republics" ran counter to the Indian government's non-recognition of the Taipei government.

"They obstinately stand on the side of a handful of instigators of the 'two Chinas' scheme to interfere in China's internal affairs," it said. "This is intolerable to the Chinese people who resolutely oppose a division of China and long for the reunification

of their motherland."

China and India fought a border war in 1962 and India still demands the return of 14,500 square miles (37,700 square kilometers) of disputed territory. The People's Daily recently denounced Indian Foreign Minister P.V.N. Rao for saying that China was illegally occupying that territory. The paper said his "friendly atmosphere recently created between the two nations."

Meanwhile, President Chiang Ching-Kuo of the Republic of China has been invited to visit his home region in mainland China, the

English language *China Daily* reported Wednesday. The newspaper said the invitation was extended by Tie Ying, the first secretary of Zhejiang province, who said a number of Taipei's leading administrative, military and economic figures originated in the eastern province.

Authorities in the neighboring province of Fujian, which faces Nationalist China, and other provinces have also invited leading Nationalists to pay visits to the mainland, it said. Among those invited is Soong Mei Ling, the widow of Chiang Kai-shek who founded the Nationalist Republic of China.

## BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Ronald Reagan Tuesday praised King Juan Carlos of Spain as "a champion of democracy" and said the United States looks forward to Spain's anticipated entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Welcoming the monarch to the White House at the start of a two-day state visit, Reagan said the king is leading Spain "into a new era of democracy and freedom."

PARIS, (AFP) — A three-member delegation of the Chinese Communist Party will for the first time attend the French Socialist Party's convention in Valence Oct. 23-25, the Chinese Embassy here said Wednesday.

PEKING, (AFP) — A major solar explosion observed in China disrupted short wave telecommunications for at least two hours Monday, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Wednesday. Scientists at the Purple Mountain observatory in Nanjing — China's largest and most prestigious —

monitored the explosion, which was the biggest observed in China since the sun entered into a period of intense activity in 1979.

KATHMANDU, Nepal, (AP) — Two members of a French Himalayan expedition conquered 8,156-meter high Mount Manaslu on Oct. 7 through the west ridge of the mid-west Nepal peak, the Nepalese Ministry of Tourism announced Wednesday. The expedition's leader Pierre Beghin, 30, of Le Sappey en Chablais, reached the summit at noon, the announcement said.

UNITED NATIONS, (R) — UNICEF proposed Tuesday to pay \$10,000 a month for the next two years to a private Rome-based news agency, the Inter-Press Service, "to increase coverage of children's problems." The move was disclosed in a report by James Grant, executive director of the U.N. Children's Fund, which responded to demands by a U.N. financial watchdog panel that he reduce expenses and trim a proposed sharp increase in professional staff.

## Aid to political parties

# Spadolini coalition wins vote

ROME, Oct. 14 (R) — Italian Premier Giovanni Spadolini's coalition government won a vote of confidence in parliament Tuesday night on a bill to almost double state aid to political parties.

The vote ended speculation that the issue might become entangled with a row over the ownership of Italy's largest newspaper, which was prompted sharp divisions within the 15-week-old coalition.

The government carried its major amendment to the bill, intended to frustrate delaying tactics by the tiny Radical Party which had filed 10,000 amendments to the draft. The vote was 351 for the amendment and 48 against, with 170 absences, mainly by the Communist Party.

To speed the process up, Spadolini had made the vote one of confidence but political analysts said there was never any likelihood of the government losing the day. Every political party had wanted to see the law go through because it provided for a massive increase in the funds they receive from the Italian state.

The vote may have passed but the row

rumbles on, threatening the future of Italy's first government since 1945 not headed by a Christian Democrat. Spadolini belongs to the Republican Party, which has only a small following.

The row involves bitter competition between the Socialists and Republicans, uneasy partners in the coalition, to gain control of the loss-making Rizzoli group which publishes the influential Milan daily *Corriere Della Sera*. Rizzoli has been beset by political scandal and financial troubles resulting in debts in 1980 of nearly 250 billion lire (more than \$215 million).

Spadolini's Republican Party has backed a plan to acquire 50 percent of the company, shares through a private consortium. The prime minister is himself a former editor of the *Corriere*, a fact that has not gone unnoticed in the row.

The Socialists favor a rival scheme to bring the paper into public ownership and a bitter argument resulted, with unusually blunt insults traded between the two groups. The Christian Democrats, the majority in any government, sat quietly on the sidelines.

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**Securities market**

# Congress okays curbs over alien investment

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday approved a bill aimed at abolishing an advantage for foreign investors in the U.S. securities markets.

The legislation, which must also be passed by the Senate, is opposed by the Reagan administration on the grounds that it would only add to business regulation and inhibit foreign investment in the United States.

The new legislation provides that the margin requirements — the maximum credit that can be extended for the purpose of purchasing or carrying U.S. securities — now at 50 percent, apply equally to the United States and foreign nationals purchasing securities.

At present, the margin requirements apply only to U.S. brokers, banks and other domestic lenders and to Americans who may finance purchase of securities through foreign lenders.

Representative Timothy Wirth, Democrat-Colorado, the bill's floor manager, said that "several of the recent takeovers of American firms by Canadian companies have demonstrated the unfair advantage that foreign investors now enjoy in obtaining financing for acquisitions."

He said the bill, passed by the house on a voice vote, would remedy "an inequity" in the present law. Wirth is chairman of the House Telecommunications, Consumer Protection and Finance Subcommittee.

# Fed sees economic downturn

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 14 (R) — The vice chairman of the U.S. Central bank said the American economy had begun to weaken, foreshadowing both a decline in interest rates and a rise in unemployment.

Federal Reserve Board Vice Chairman Frederick Schultz told financial leaders he did not foresee a steep recession, but said there were signs the economy was beginning to slow down.

White House spokesman David Gergen, however, told reporters in Washington the Reagan administration did not consider the current economic malaise a recession and was holding to its forecast of a revival of economic

growth in 1982.

Schultz said the dampening of economic activity would work to further reduce U.S. interest rates, which have only recently begun to recede from near record levels of 20 percent.

The economic slowdown would also push up the U.S. jobless rate, which has already climbed from seven percent to 7.5 percent in the past three months, he said.

As Schultz forecast economic slowdown, the commerce department in Washington reported sales at U.S. retail stores rose only 0.4 percent in September after increasing 1.3 percent in August.

# U.S. may hold talks with air staff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AFP) — A senior U.S. official said that the administration could consider reopening negotiations with the 12,000 air traffic controllers fired in August if their labor union were officially disqualified as a representative organization.

The official, who requested anonymity, was referring to the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO) headed by Robert Poil who said recently that two-pronged pressure from Congress and the aeronautics industry could force the Reagan administration to soften its stand.

The official's comment followed an appeal by representative William Ford, chairman of the house post office and civil service committee, that President Reagan find a solution to the ten-week-old conflict, which he said is unjustly harming the nation's airlines. Ford called on the government to rehire experienced controllers so that air traffic could get back to normal.

# France steps up M.E. arms sales

LONDON, Oct. 14 (AFP) — France is selling arms to the Arab World on a massive scale which totaled \$37,200 million (£3,720 million) in the 12-month period ending April, 1981. *The Times* reported today.

This 78 percent of all French arms exports in this period, according to official figures its correspondent obtained here from the foreign trade ministry. The Arab contracts boosted French arms exports by 37 percent more than in 1980.

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# Price unification OPEC talks at Cancun likely

CARACAS, Oct. 14 (R) — A decision on a unified price for OPEC oil could be made next week in Mexico during the North-South summit conference, Venezuelan industry sources have said.

Earlier, oil ministers from OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — held intensive telephone consultations to try to agree on a unified price for crude oil, according to Kuwaiti oil sources.

The newsletter *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)* said Tuesday OPEC countries had agreed that prices should be reunified on a \$34 base though there was some doubt about the attitude of Venezuela, which work on a Wyadolla base.

The Venezuelan sources said Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins would attend the North-South Summit in the Mexican resort of Cancun Oct. 22 and 23 and would meet the presidents or government leaders of OPEC member countries such as Algeria, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and

Indonesia. "A decision at the highest level is likely to be produced in Cancun next week," they added.

They doubted whether an OPEC special ministerial conference would be held before the end of October to restore price unity. "For practical and logical reasons a special conference would be senseless if OPEC major executive will meet in Cancun next week," they said. The sources said Venezuelan government discussions on a new unifying OPEC price were being held, but that the problem was not the base price but the premiums charged on top for different quality crudes.

OPEC prices are now spread between \$32 a barrel charged by Saudi Arabia and top rates of up to \$40. A unified price would give the exporters a roughly equal chance in fighting for sales in the present world glut.

OPEC failed at an emergency meeting in August to reunify on \$34.

# BA proposes to cut staff pensions

LONDON, Oct. 14 (AP) — British Airways, which last month announced it was planning to axe 9,000 jobs in a bid to stay in business, gave its employees another financial shock Tuesday with proposals to cut staff pensions.

The announcement sparked an immediate threat by BA unions to bring the state-owned airline to a standstill. The airline said the plan was part of its overall cost-reducing program, which also includes freezing pay for a year and cutting international routes.


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# Iran records 21% jump in prices

BEIRUT, Oct. 14 (AP) — Prices in Iran rose an average of 21 percent in the past year, the Central Bank of Iran said in a report distributed Tuesday.

The announcement, carried by the official Fars News Agency, noted an increase of 30 percent in the price of foodstuffs and an increase of 18 percent for fuel in the past 12 months.

Prices for livestock products rose 50 percent, while the price of textiles and clothing rose 43 percent.

Fars, quoting government-issued figures, said that there was a 10 percent decrease in the price of wholesale goods in the month of Shahrivar (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) compared to the previous month due to a decrease in the price of fresh fruits during their peak season at the end of the summer.

The central bank said the decrease in the price of fruits balanced the rising price of eggs, cereals, chicken, dairy products, meat and fish. It also said that the price of certain vegetables, livestock and iron fell during the same one month period. The bank added that the price of Persian carpets and non-metal construction materials rose in the ten-month period.

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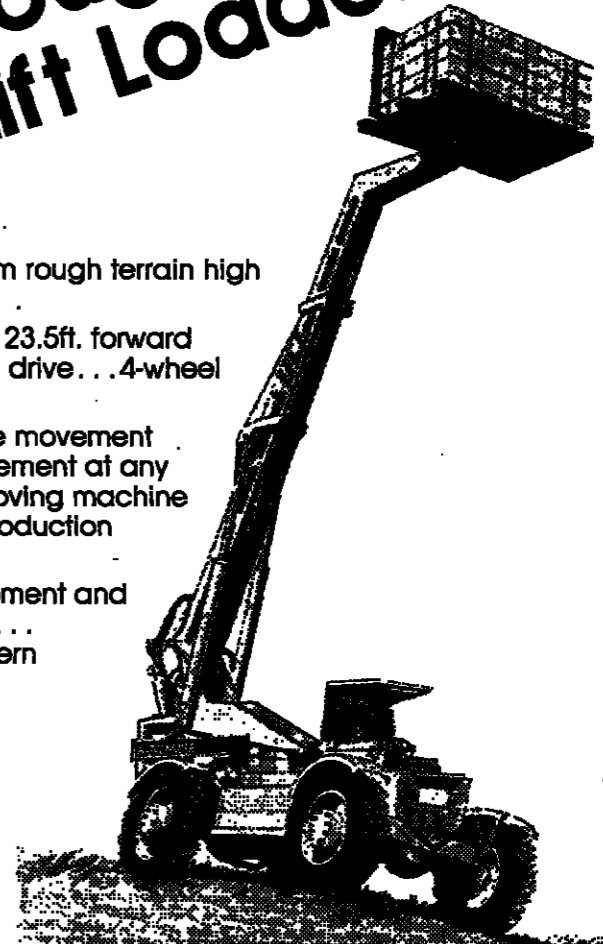


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# Bread of the desert

## Kingdom produces 10% of world dates

By Jean Grant

**AL QATIF OASIS**— This is harvest season in date country. Bunches of dates cluster below the graceful leaves that crown the date palms. Thirty feet above the ground, a lithe farmer chops the date clusters with his *minjal*, a sickle-shaped, razor-sharp knife. Supported only by a foot-wide hemp belt, he plants his bare feet firmly on the opposite sides of the palm trunk. As he slashes his way round the tree, the black dates called *khnazzi* cascade to the ground. Their fall sounds like a rain of hailstones. In five minutes he has harvested the whole tree. Fearless and free, he shinies up another palm; the aluminum ladder of the cautious California harvester is not for him.

"There is no danger for the experienced in our work," claims farmer Muhammad Ali Al Jubaili who has reaped dates since he was 14. "Every work has its danger."

The harvesters on Muhammad's 500-palm-tree farm work from dawn till dusk, seven days a week. Each cuts 40 trees a day for which he is paid SR 200 plus food. Although they know the traditional joke "Nakhla akram min raiba," (The palm tree is more generous than its owner), they also know that Muhammad, their kinsman, is up at 4 a.m. to sell the dates at the market in order to be back at the farm by 7 a.m.

With seven to nine million mature date palms, Saudi Arabia produces about 10 percent of the world's dates. So precious has this "bread of the desert" been to the Kingdom that it appears on the country's flag as a symbol of prosperity.

"Over 100 kinds of dates grow in the Oasis; each has its own name and taste," said

Qatifi Abdulla I. Al-Bashrawi. The best, he claims, are the dates called *khllass*. These are sweet and dry, without too much syrup. Oblong in shape, they are yellowish in color. In the harvesting, they are babied with tender loving care.

The farmer in red-and-white-checked sarong carries a large, cradle-shaped basket up the tree with him. In this he places the choice dates as they are hacked off the tree. Then with a warning shout to the men waiting on the ground below for the sweet cargo, the farmer lowers the basket so gently that not a date is jostled or bruised. These *khllass* are then hand-picked off the strands and spread out on a clean mat to dry in the sun for 10 days. They are subsequently packed in baskets called *galla*, each of which holds 32 kilos.

Camels and sheep thrive on dates. Less care is taken in the harvesting of dates meant for livestock. After their 30-foot drop to the ground, the dates are at once packed in baskets. Because they are not processed, insects attack the dates. The livestock, it would seem, digest these happily enough along with the dates.

The farmers have devised a clever way to identify each variety of date so that men don't accidentally buy inferior dates for themselves. As the farmer closes each *galla*, he ties it with an identifying knot.

When very tiny, the date is called a *haban-baa*. As a *khalal* it is plucked by village kids who enjoy these green unripened fruit much as American youngsters like to soak green apples so sour they pucker up the mouth.

Then the date becomes a *bizer*, tiny and hard to bite; it assumes its final color—yellow, white or red. *Salouq*, which is exported to India and Pakistan is made from *khnazzi* dates in their *bizer* stage which are

boiled in huge brass pots.

The date reaches its prime as *ruaab*. As *ruaab* it is eaten fresh. As the date nears the end of its season it is dry and over-ripe and called *tanur* and is pressed, and its juices make a molasses syrup (*dibs*) which can be substituted for sugar in cooking.

Dates are one of the few foods which resist spoilage in a hot climate. Before the age of refrigerators, this made them especially valuable. With the great variety of food now available year round at the suqs, only *ruaab* are eaten fresh.

"Classically, dates were offered whenever food was presented, but in fact the farmer eats dates every time he sits down to drink coffee," said Abdullah Al-Bashrawi.

He told the joke, still appreciated by Qatifis, of the porter ordered to carry a 32-kilo basket of dates to a certain home. Long before he had reached his destination, the porter had finished off the lot.

"In the past farmers would depend only on dates," explained Al-Bashrawi who works as a supervisor in the cryogenics lab at Dhahran's University of Petroleum and Minerals. "Today, however, he will also plant tomatoes lettuce, cabbage and carrots."

In fact, vegetables provide a more profitable revenue for the farmer. On the sunny verges which border his palms, young Qatifi farmer Habib Asaedi grows okra and mouloukthia, the slippery green made famous in Egyptian cuisine. Although farmers have shelters (made of palm leaves naturally) in the shade of the palm grove, they prefer to live in town, lured by the convenience of air conditioning and the pleasures of village life.

The ancient methods of growing and harvesting, handling and storing dates have remained basically unchanged. Every spring the farmer climbs up the stout trunk of the male palm tree to break off the *talala* or sheath that thrusts upwards in the palm's crown of leaves. Gently he shakes its pollen into a container. With this pollen he dusts the female flowers. Or the farmer simply inserts the *talala* within the female branches to insure pollination. A single male tree yields enough pollen to fertilize an entire "harem" of female trees. Consequently there are usually far more female than male trees in any cultivated grove. "Ninety days after pollination," said Habib Asaedi, "the date palm bears fruit."

Planting date palms from seed is unpredictable. The tree grown from seed rarely resembles its parent. Young rootless offshoots that grow beside the base of the parent tree, on the other hand, do reproduce the sex and character of the parent palm. "They become exactly like the mother within 3 to 5 years," said Al Bashrawi.

According to one Arab proverb, the date palm has to have "its feet in the water and its head in the fire" to flourish. In the Qatif Oasis which provides both, fresh spring waters are channelled into canals shared by all. Each farmer has his allotted time to ensure that the feet of his palms are in the water while the sun shines brightly overhead onto the palms' crowns of feathery leaves.

Date groves are measured not in acreage but in number of trees. Habib Asaedi, for example, has a 200-palm farm, Muhammad Al Jubaili a 500-palm farm. The trees themselves are planted 14 *dra'a* from each other, that is to say, 14 lengths from elbow to fingertip.

Although the palm no longer has as many uses as it had in the past, Qatifi women still soak its leaves (so they will not break) which are then woven into baskets and mats. Some are fine examples of native craftsmanship. Many a Westerner's home in Dhahran or Khobar is graced by a beautifully designed Qatifi circular mat.



DATE HARVEST: The date harvester starts up the tree on the left. On the right he reaches the top of the tree and begins cutting the dates.

## Dieters, gourmets find dates ideal, they fulfill vitamin, mineral needs

By Jean Grant

**AL QATIF OASIS:** Deciding what to pack in school lunches is often a problem for busy and conscientious mothers. Dates are one answer. Just as convenient and more nourish-



HARVESTER: A *galla* full of dates is completed by the harvester. The knot indicates they are the *khnazzi* variety.

ing than "junk food," dates satisfy the school-child's desire for something sweet. Dates can sustain his energy so he can cope with the 3 R's all through the afternoon hours.

Saudi dates are available at local supermarkets in convenient 100-gram packages. Grown and packed in Medina, they come neatly bundled (minus the stones) in attractive green mini-boxes bearing a picture of a mosque and fruit-laden date palm.

Although dates contain only about 2 percent protein, they have iron, magnesium, potassium, and small quantities of vitamins A, B1, D, and G. The staple of Arabs for generations, they make a healthy diet when supplemented by protein-rich foods.

Now that fresh dates are in season, weight-watchers might find a salad of dates and cucumbers a refreshing treat. A mound of the dieter's inevitable cottage cheese looks more appetizing when surrounded by soft fresh dates.

For the cook with gourmet ambitions, here are two date recipes. The first is Arab, the second American.

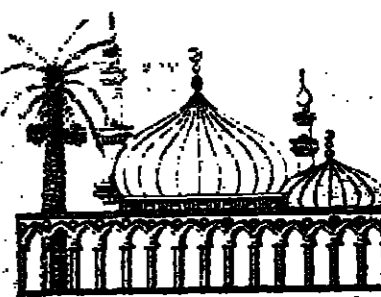
### DATES IN SYRUP (Murabba El Balah)

- 1 kilo fresh dates
- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- A few whole cloves
- Lemon juice
- Blanched almonds

Peel the fresh dates and boil in water until tender. Drain and let dry. Push out the pits. Save the water in which the dates have been boiled. Place layers of the sugar and dates in the pan, starting with a layer of sugar. Let stand a few hours or overnight. Remove the dates from the saudepan, shaking off the sugar. Add the water in which the dates were cooked to the sugar and boil until the syrup has thickened. Stuff each date with a blanched almond. Add the stuffed dates to the syrup and boil gently for 10 minutes.

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- 1/2 cup soft shortening (part butter)
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- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats.

Heat over to 400 degrees. Mix shortening and sugar. Blend flour soda and salt; stir in. Mix in rolled oats. Flatten half of this mixture into bottom of greased oblong pan. Spread with cooled Date Filling. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Bake 25 to 30 minutes. While warm, cut into bars and remove from pan.

### DATE FILLING FOR ABOVE BARS

Mix 3 cups cut-up dates, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 1/2 cups water in saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring until thickened. Cool.

## Japan's drug industry eyes how to increase its exports

By Keith Stafford

**TOKYO (R)**— The Japanese pharmaceutical industry, largely dependent on the domestic market for its enormous sales, seems set to launch a powerful export drive. Japanese pharmaceutical companies' export sales have generally been lower than 15 percent of total sales—and much of this has been bulk sales to overseas drug companies for repackaging under their own brand names.

In comparison, Japan's Honda car company derives some 74 percent of its sales revenue from exports.

Stockbroker analysts here who watch the pharmaceutical industry say it is likely to start an export drive soon to take it into world markets that have to date been almost totally ignored.

Industry leaders such as Sankyo Co., Takeda Chemical Industries, Shionogi, Fujisawa Pharmaceutical and Tanabe Seimn, have net assets of over \$435 million each.

Takeda had sales of \$1.87 billion dollars last year—more than any Japanese competitor. Yet none of the companies is a household name outside this country.

The Japanese are gaining a reputation for solid research, such as that by Green Cross Corporation into Fhuasol Da, better known as artificial blood, and the research trend shows no sign of weakening.

The companies spend massive amounts on research and development. Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Company alone spends 19 percent of total sales revenue—which last year totaled some \$333 million dollars—on research.

The analysts say this points the way to new drugs and possible breakthroughs in genetic engineering. One analyst said Japan's permanent committee on drug products, which reviews new drugs, has approved dozens of new drugs for production.

Twenty new drugs were price-listed in September, including a number designed to fight cancer, and another new lists planned for next spring.

The analysts expect Japanese to start many new exports drive by first selling more of

these drugs through established companies, although some are starting to advance on their own into world markets.

For example, Tanabe Seiyaku is expanding into southeast Asia.

The Japanese drug industry, with the second largest domestic sales in the world after the United States, has been growing on the back of an increasingly older Japanese population.

At present about eight percent of the Japanese are over 65 and the United Nations forecast this proportion would grow to 15 percent by 1995.

Japanese expenditure on drugs in the last 20 years has increased faster than the growth of the total gross national product and analysts think that over the next five years it could grow an annual 10 percent.

The government continues to foster the companies' growth, protecting their research developments for 15 years and giving the companies exclusive marketing rights for the first five years. This virtually chokes off any early cheap competition from imitations manufactured locally.

Meanwhile, although foreign companies are free to introduce their products into Japan, they are often handicapped by Japanese testing regulations. The Japanese have extremely strict drug testing standards and foreign drugs have to go through these tests, often lasting up to three years.

The Japanese authorities do not recognize the testing done by some competitor countries, so a drug has to go through the entire testing procedure here even though it may well have been certified as a safe drug, for example, in the U.S.

Other countries see the testing procedure for drugs as a non-tariff barrier, inhibiting their sales in Japan. France recently demanded Japan remove such barriers. Even so Japanese drug companies are having a difficult year.

The government controls domestic drug prices, setting reimbursement prices to doctors for prescriptions they write, and in April these prices were revised down, hitting drug company revenues.

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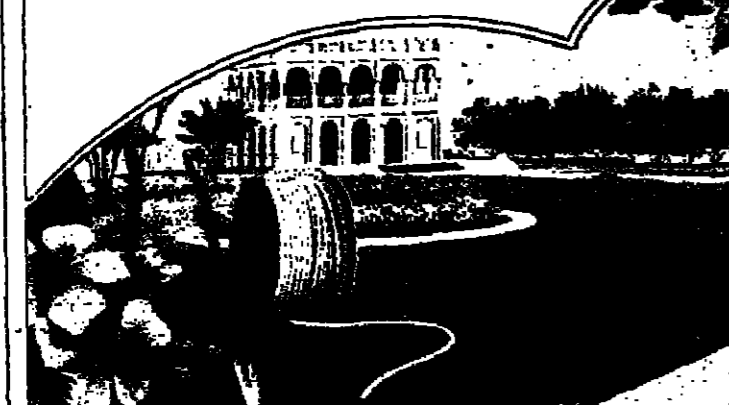
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# England shocked by Qatar

SYDNEY, Oct. 14 (R) — Unfancied Qatar Wednesday continued their fairytale run in the World Youth Soccer Championship beating England 2-1 in the semifinal at the Sydney Cricket ground.

Qatar, coached by Brazilian Macedo Evaristo, stunned England with a superior display of skill, ball control and the use of the offside trap. They met West Germany, who beat Romania 1-0, in the final Sunday.

Qatar, who beat tournament favorites Brazil in the quarterfinals, went ahead with a spectacular goal in the 12th minute. An overhead kick by Bader Bealal flashed just inside the left-hand post.

They increased their lead in the 62nd minute when Ali Alsada rode two tackles to push the ball wide of goalkeeper Mark Kendall.

England pulled one back nine minutes later after a challenge on the Qatar keeper Ahmedipaha Cooke. The ball bounced back to the waiting Mickey Small, who made no mistake from close in.

Police had to move quickly on to the pitch when the game ended as trouble flared between spectators and the Qatar team.

Fans ran onto the field as fights broke out, and Qatar striker Bealal was kicked and punched. He was carried from the pitch but walked to the team bus after medical treatment.

The president of the Qatar Football Federation, Sultan Suweidi, criticized the lack of police protection and said he was not happy with the end of match events. England coach John Cartwright strongly criticized the crowds and said they have got to accept that someone has to lose.

About the match, Cartwright said: "What do you say if your players don't take their chances? but Qatar are a good, composed side, though we knew about their offside play."

Suweidi commented: "We knew the danger of the long pass and used the offside trap to assist our defense."

England were caught about 20 times during the match, often when they were in good scoring positions. But on at least four occasions when they did manage to get close to goal, they were let down by poor finishing.

Qatar missed a penalty three minutes after England's goal, while England captain Paul Allen chipped over the keeper's head late in the match, only to have a defender clear off the line.

Romania have only themselves to blame for not securing a place in the final long before Alfred Schoen scored the only goal in extra time.



Charlie Magri

# Juan Diaz shatters Magri's dreams

With kayo win in sixth round

LONDON, Oct. 14 (AP) — Juan "Monito" Diaz of Mexico scored an upset sixth round victory over Charlie Magri of Britain in an international flyweight boxing match at the Royal Albert Hall Tuesday night.

Diaz, winner of only 22 of his 39 previous fights, stopped Magri with seven minutes remaining in the sixth stanza of a scheduled 10-round contest.

It was the first defeat in 23 professional fights for 25-year-old Magri, the British and European champion and No. 1 contender for the WBC crown.

Magri expected the contest to be a warm-up for a challenge to WBC champions Antonio Avelar, also of Mexico, but the underrated Diaz wrecked the Londoner's plans.

Diaz was well behind on points and appeared unlikely to worry the hard-punching Magri in the early rounds. The

Mexican, 113 lbs (51 kg), then took control at the start of the sixth.

The dumpy Diaz caught Magri with a ferocious right hook and the British champion took an eight-count before struggling to his feet. He went down again almost immediately hit by a barrage of punches, and this time he failed to beat the count.

Magri, 110 lbs (50 kg), only had been floored once in his career, and this knock-out defeat is a huge setback for British boxing, which has lost four world championships in the past 18 months.

McKenzie outpoints Guinaldo

Meanwhile, Clinton McKenzie of Britain outpointed Antonio Guinaldo of Spain over 12 rounds to capture the European lightweight title.

McKenzie, 26, gained a unanimous decision after dominating the second half of the

fight. Guinaldo, winner of 39 of his previous 43 contests, was making his second defense of the title but was outclassed by the impressive Briton.

McKenzie, a six-year professional, had failed in a previous attempt to win the title, losing to Giuseppe Martinese of Italy on an 11th round stoppage last year. Guinaldo subsequently took the title from Martinese.

McKenzie weighed 140 lbs (63.5 kg) for the contest, Guinaldo came in one pound (45 kg) lighter.

McKenzie had his most decisive spell in the fifth round when two rights to the body stopped the Spaniard in his tracks. He saw the signs were in his favor and he stepped up the pressure in the next three rounds.

Guinaldo battled bravely but could not match McKenzie's silkier skills and sharp punching. The Spaniard finished the fight with cuts around both eyes and a bloodied nose but was game to the end.

# Scots, Danes share points

DENMARK, Oct. 14 (R) — Denmark and Scotland drew 1-1 in a European under-21 Soccer Championship qualifying match Tuesday.

Denmark forged ahead in the 23rd minute when John Eriksen converted a penalty, but in the 63rd minute Andy Blair restored parity.

In another match in Krems, Austria, West Germany beat Austria 1-0. Van Heesen netting the match winner. With this win Germany top Group One with eight points from five matches followed by Bulgaria with eight points from four matches, on a superior goal difference.

In Budapest, Hungary beat Switzerland 5-1, with Fecskó (2), Kardos, Poloskei and Szabadi scoring for the Hungarians while Ja Schydrig netted for Switzerland.

Two second half goals by Constantinos Micalafe enabled Wales beat France 2-0 in an under-21 friendly.

# Ireland strengthens qualifying chances

DUBLIN, Oct. 14 (Agencies) — The Republic of Ireland dominated France much more than the Irishmen's winning 3-2 (3-1 at halftime) score in their European Group two World Cup qualifying match here Wednesday night.

Ireland needed to win to stay in contention for qualifying from the group behind leading Belgium.

From the first minute the bruising Irish were pushing the hesitant French around the 83rd minute as the Irish began to tire and lose

## World Cup results

Group One		
Bulgaria	2	Albania 0
Group Two		
Ireland	3	France 2
Group Five		
Denmark	3	Greece 2

control of the game but despite a pressing French attack, the men from the Emerald Isle held on to win.

A brilliant save by goalkeeper Jim McDonagh in the 88th minute stopped French defenseman Gerard Janvion from winning his country a point.

Ireland, France, and the Netherlands are fighting for the second place in Group Two, with Belgium already certain to finish first.

French hopes look dim. They must win both their two remaining matches to tie Ireland on points. Since France beat Ireland 2-0 in a World Cup qualifying match in Paris on Oct. 28, 1980, they have lost seven out of eight games.

Their previous match was a disastrous 2-0, loss to Belgium in a World Cup qualifier in Brussels on Sept. 9 this year. Ireland is now solidly in second position with 10 points.

The Netherlands play Belgium later Wednesday in Rotterdam. A win would leave them with nine points, one behind Ireland and a game to go against the French on Nov. 18 in Paris. If they lose, they have no chance of catching Ireland.

Meanwhile, Denmark scuttled Greece's chances of winning a place in the finals when they beat them 3-2 in Greece.

The unexpected defeat means that Italy and Yugoslavia are virtually certain to qualify from European Group Five.

Both countries have dropped only two points in five qualifying matches and though the Danes also have eight points they have completed their program.

Irish striker Frank Stapleton scored in the fifth minute on a shot deflected off the knee of French defenseman Philippe Mahut.

France struck back in the ninth minute with a score by previously uncapped Bruno Bellone, an aggressive striker from Monaco, who gathered the ball about 20 meters from the goal, paused and then banged home.

But that was all for the French until the game's closing moments as scores by Stapleton (23rd minute) and striker Mick Robinson (40th) left the Irish ahead 3-1 at halftime.

French captain Michel Platini scored in the

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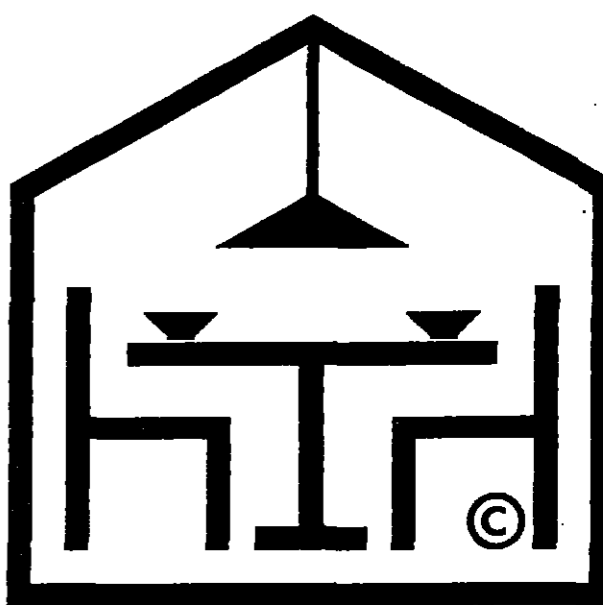
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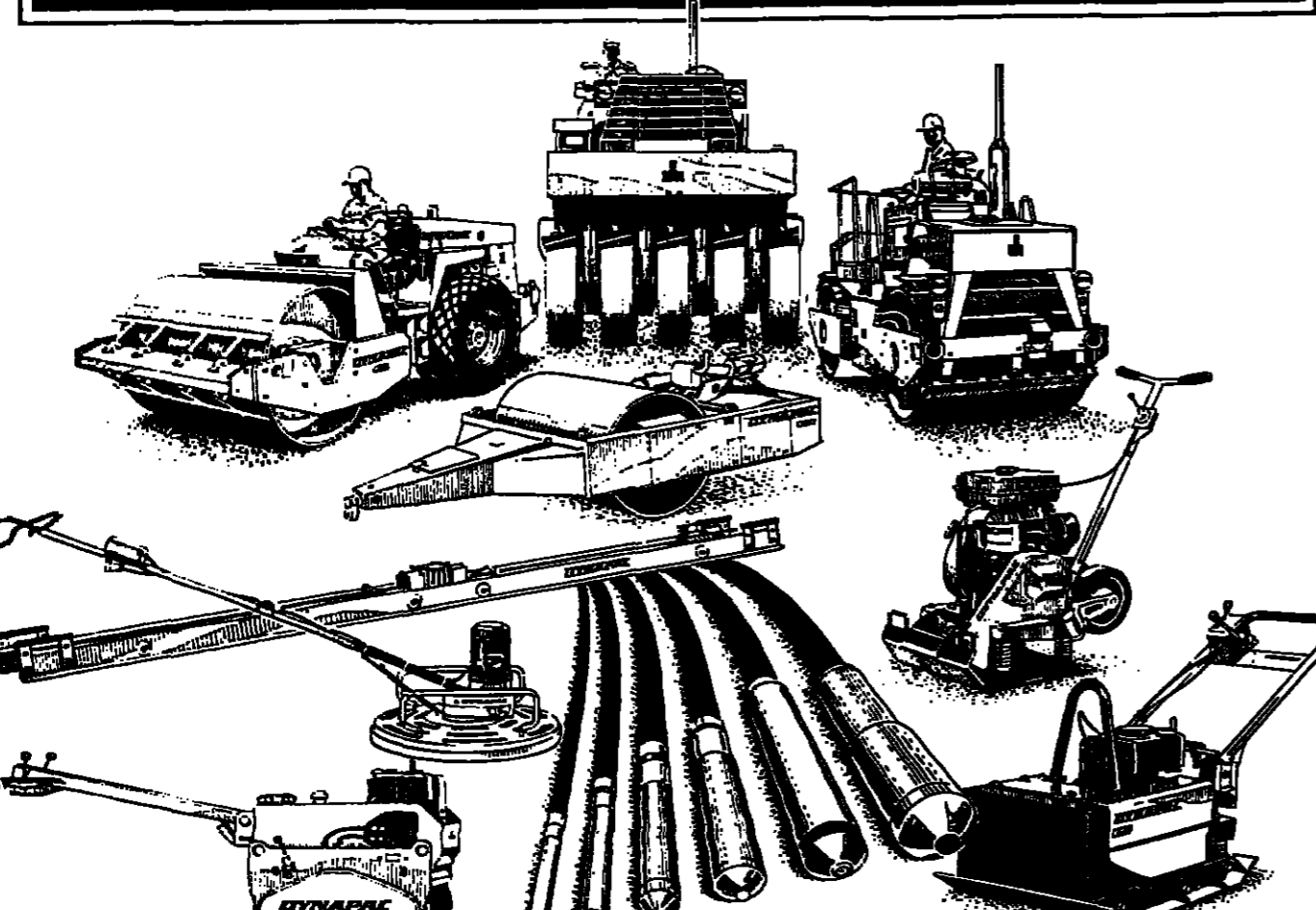
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# Nettles strikes form

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (AP) — Graig Nettles, a batting flop in the East division playoffs, hammered a three-run double with two out in the first inning and the New York Yankees went on to defeat the Oakland A's 3-1 Tuesday night in the opening game of the American League Championship series.

Veteran left-hander Tommy John, his sinker pitch working to perfection, scattered six hits in six innings and was nicked for a run in the fifth on Dwayne Murphy's RBI grounder.

Ron Davis and Rich Gossage, New York's bullpen aces, held Oakland hitless over the final three innings.

The second game of the best-of-five series is scheduled for Yankee Stadium Wednesday afternoon with Oakland right-hander Steve McCatty opposing another New York left-hander, Rudy May. The rest of the series will be played in Oakland beginning Thursday night.

but the only sparks occurred in the bottom of the seventh when fans in the upper right field stands set off fireworks, delaying play for a few minutes.

In the Oakland eighth, after Murphy drew a one-out walk, Cliff Johnson stepped out of the batter's box several times after falling behind on the count, 1-2. Davis, obviously upset by the tactics, walked Johnson after jawing with plate umpire Nick Bremigan.

Gossage, who saved all three victories against Milwaukee, took over at that point and retired Tony Armas and pinch-hitter Wayne Gross on grounders to second base.

Norris started out well enough, striking out Jerry Mumphrey, New York's first batter. But Larry Milbourne, who has seven hits in his last nine postseason at-bats, singled to right and Dave Winfield walked.



Graig Nettles

# Dodgers go one-up in NL series

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14 (AP) — Ron Cey, who hadn't swung in a game in more than a month, lined a run-scoring double, and Pedro Guerrero and Mike Scioscia hit consecutive eighth-inning home runs Tuesday to back Burt Hooton and the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-1 victory over the Montreal Expos in the first game of their National League Championship series.

Both eighth inning homers came after two were out. Cey started the uprising with a single to center and Guerrero followed with his homer to left off reliever Jeff Reardon who replaced starter Bill Gullickson. Scioscia then belted his shot to right-center.

The Expos have won just twice in their last 30 appearances at Dodger stadium, and a lack of timely hitting spoiled the Expos first league championship outing.

They were shut out until the ninth inning when they scored their lone run on doubles by Gary Carter and Larry Parrish. That was only the fourth run off Dodgers pitching in the last 51 innings. Steve Howe replaced reliever Bob Welch at that point, and gave up only a single to Warren Cromartie before the game ended on the Dodgers' fourth double play.

The Expos had baserunners in each of the first eight innings against Hooton, but the 31-year-old right-hander worked out of each and every jam with the help of three double plays and fine fielding.



Pedro Guerrero

# McEnroe too good for Brad Drewett

SYDNEY, Oct. 14 (AFP) — Wimbledon and United States Open champion John McEnroe moved into the second round of the \$175,000 Australia indoor Tennis Championships here with an easy 6-1, 6-4 victory over Australian Brad Drewett.

McEnroe the world's No. 1 appeared tired but still was able to produce his magic touch.

The 22-year-old New Yorker, will now meet Australia's Rod Frawley in his next match. The second round clash here will revive memories of a fiery Wimbledon semifinal.

McEnroe is playing and looking like the winner already in the defence of his title he won last year fellow American Vitas Gerulaitis.

Rod Frawley, who beat American Peter Fleming, better known as the doubles partner of McEnroe with whom he won both the Wimbledon and U.S. championship this year, fired a Salvo at Australia's Davis Cup captain Neale Fraser following his 6-4, 7-5 win.

Frawley joined John Alexander and Kim Warwick in their criticism of Fraser following their rejection as members of the team for the semifinal against the United States 10 days ago in Poland, Oregon.

The Australian players feel the time is right for a change in captaincy and the popular choice is Tony Roche, who has the full backing of the entire team.

Warwick, the seventh seed, became the first major casualty when American Jim Delaney caused an upset with his 6-4, 6-4 win. Delaney made the final here in 1976 and, like Warwick, has just returned to the international circuit after a series of injuries.

Meanwhile, Peanut Louie upset fifth-seeded Wendy Turnbull of Australia 7-6, 6-4 and Anne Smith beat seventh-seeded Bettina Bunge of West Germany 6-4, 6-4 Tuesday in the opening round of the \$125,000 Lynda Carter Tennis Classic.

Afternoon rain forced postponement of two scheduled matches, but Louie, ranked 28th in the world, beat Turnbull with a steady game and a 10-8 victory in the first set tie-breaker.

Meanwhile, Smith, who shares Wimbledon, U.S. Open and French Open doubles championships, defeated Bunge by winning the last four games of the first set and out-fighting her through five straight service break games to complete the match.

# Korchnoi offers a draw

MERANO, Italy, Oct. 14 (AP) — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov and challenger Viktor Korchnoi drew the fifth game of their title match Tuesday, leaving Karpov's lead unchanged at 3-0.

Draws don't count in the championship. The winner is the first player to reach six victories.

Korchnoi, playing white, offered the draw after the 68th move, and Karpov accepted.

Some experts said the draw tended to favor Korchnoi by prolonging the match. They said Korchnoi has more stamina, although at 50 he's 20 years older than the champion.

"Korchnoi is physically much stronger than Karpov. If the match goes beyond 30 games, I would bet 2-1 on Korchnoi," Lev Alburt, a Soviet exile and grandmaster who knows both players, said.

But experts also noted that Korchnoi has been making blunders, while Karpov has played consistently excellent chess. "Korchnoi must first get on an even keel, and not play quite so intensely," U.S. grandmaster Robert Byrne said.

Experts had agreed the fifth game was close to a draw when it was suspended Monday. Korchnoi was up a pawn, but that wasn't enough to obtain a win. Karpov won games one, two, and four. Games three and five were draws.

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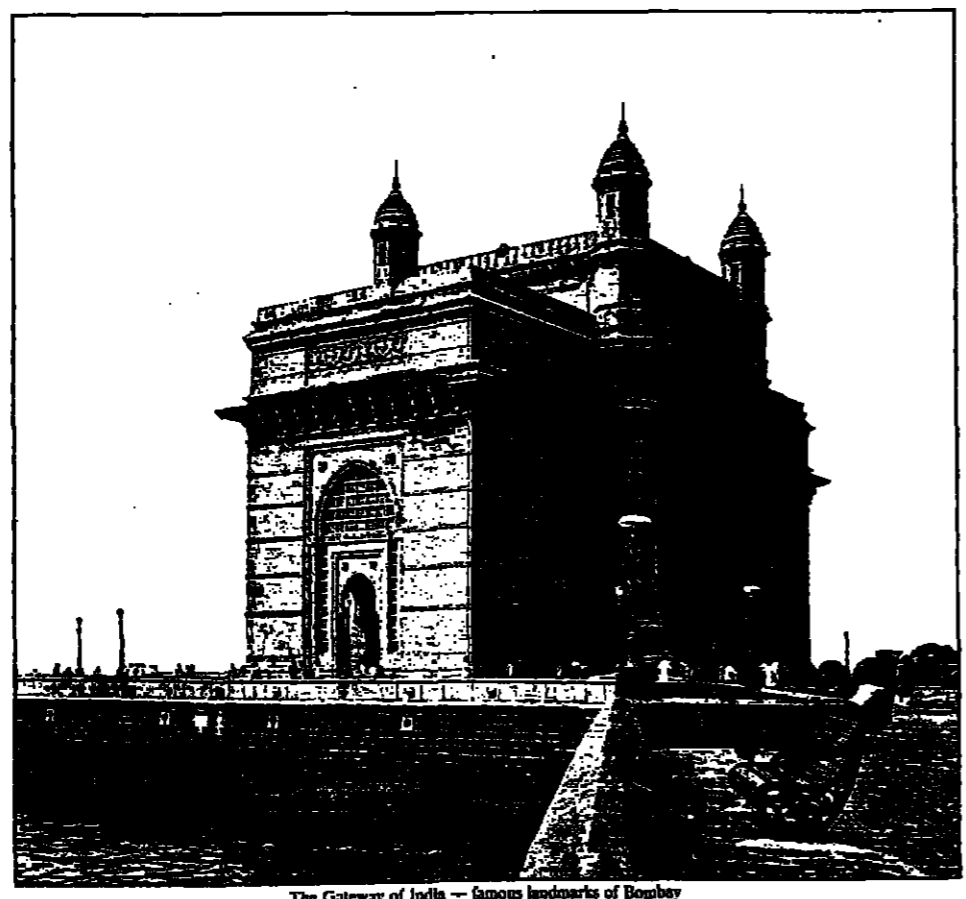
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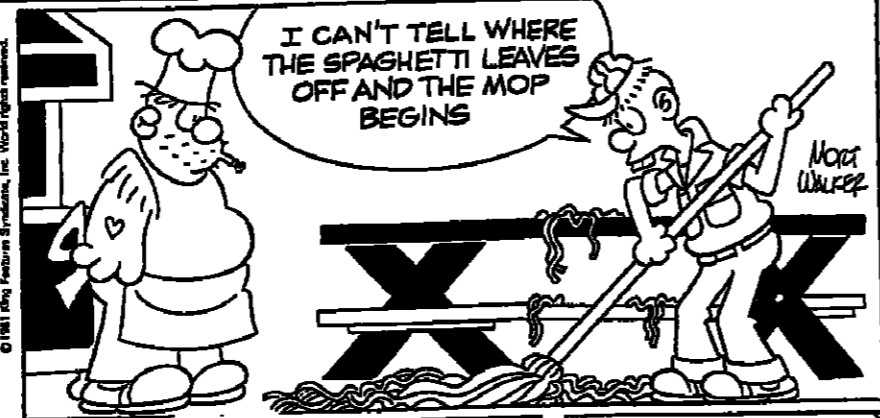
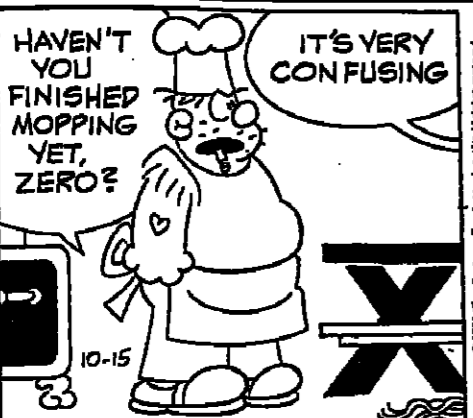
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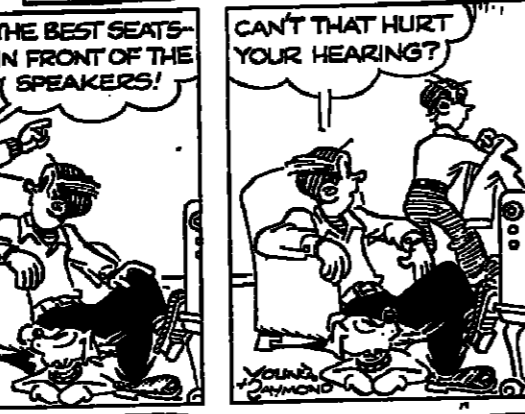
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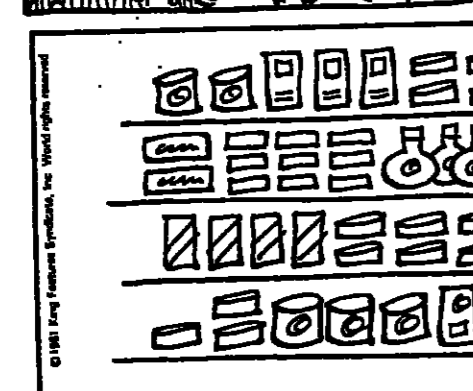
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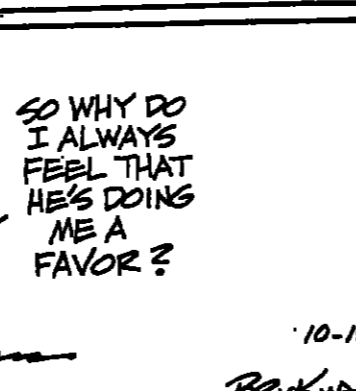
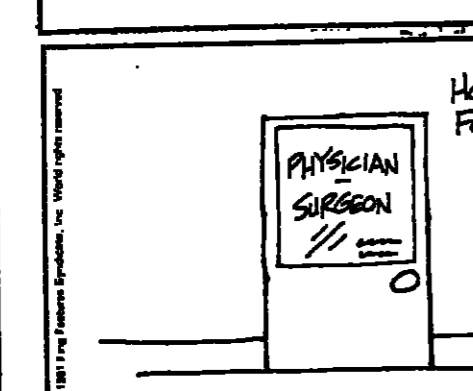
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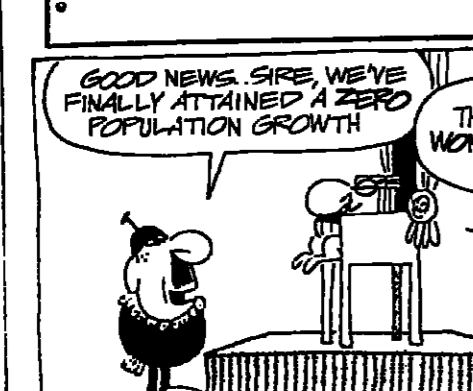
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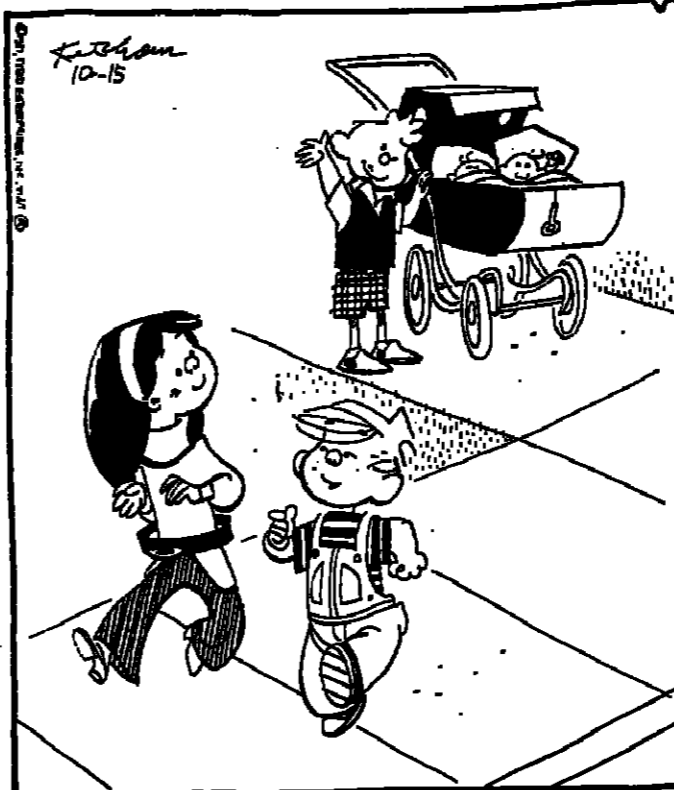
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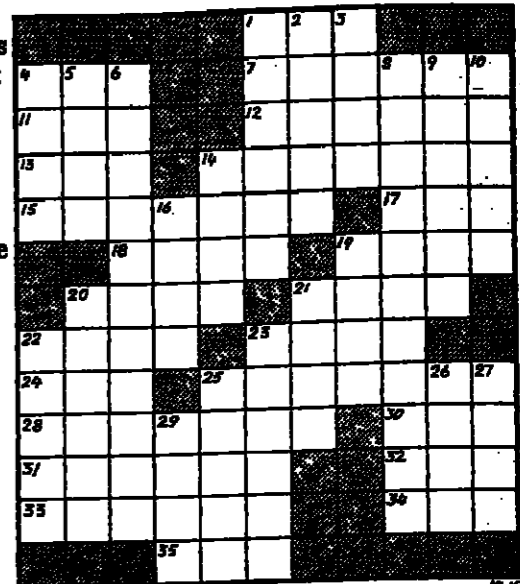
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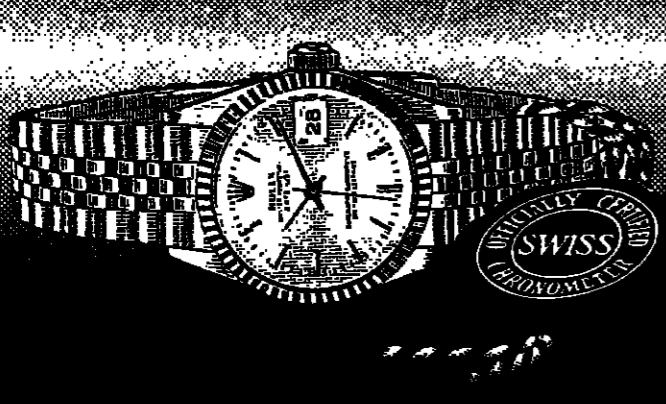
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## Chancellor Schmidt receives pacemaker

### Press discusses succession issue

BONN, Oct. 14 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was reported in good condition Wednesday after being fitted with a heart pacemaker and officials said he could be discharged from hospital within days.



Chancellor Helmut Schmidt

hospital in Koblenz, south of here. The chancellor could be back in Bonn Saturday or before, Becker said. But Schmidt was not expected to attend next week's North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico — a trip during which he had planned to confer with President Ronald Reagan.

Doctors feared the change of climate could set back the chancellor's recovery and advised him to stay within reach of the hospital, Becker told radio interviewers. Despite the optimistic forecasts, the surprise news of Schmidt's heart problem prompted questions about his ability to keep up the punishing 16-hour day he works as chancellor.

Press commentators urged Schmidt to adjust to a less demanding work tempo, predicting he would not now seek a new term of office beyond the next elections due in 1984. Schmidt has repeatedly dismissed speculation that he might step down before 1984. There was nothing in official statements after the operation to suggest he had changed his mind.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the vice chancellor, left the meeting of European Economic Community foreign ministers in London and flew home Tuesday night to deputize for Schmidt.

Professor Tiberius Propp of the University of Naenz told a national television audience that some pacemaker patients are able to function normally and endure everyday stress within a short time after the operation. A government statement said the surgery "was necessary because the risk of interruption of the heart rhythm was diagnosed in the course of an extensive examination."

It was believed that Schmidt was suffering from myocarditis, inflammation of the cardiac muscle, after a lengthy cold. Pacemakers regulate the heartbeat through electric impulses. The chancellor was flown to the hospital Monday from Hamburg. He attended the funeral of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo on Saturday.

The conservative newspaper *Koelnische Rundschau* expressed belief that the chancellor's heart was weakened by heavy duties and "constant attacks from the ranks of his own party." The issue of a possible successor was also raised in newspaper editorials.

In the past, former Justice Minister Hans-Jochen Vogel, Defense Minister Hans Apel, 49, have both been tipped as possible successors. However, Vogel was moved out of Bonn politics early this year to head Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) in West Berlin while Apel's public image has suffered from disclosures of financial errors in his ministry.

SPD sources have also named among possible candidates Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, 59, who served as chancellery political chief until 1979 and, with Schmidt, is an SPD vice chairman.



SUCCESSOR CONGRATULATED: Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Norway's first woman prime minister who was defeated in general elections last month, congratulates her successor, Kaare Willoch, who took over as prime minister Wednesday.

## Conservative ministry takes charge in Norway

OSLO, Oct. 14 (R) — Norway's new minority Conservative government took office Wednesday with clear policy objectives in foreign relations, the economy and the offshore oil industry.

Economist Kaare Willoch heads the new administration after last month's general elections in which the Conservatives won 54 seats in the 155-member Storting (parliament) and their biggest percentage of the vote since 1921.

Labor, whose outgoing government under Norway's first woman Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland formally resigned Sunday, remains the largest single party with 65 seats. The other 36 seats are divided among Centrist, Christian, Liberal and right-wing parties who are lending passive support to the new government.

The Conservatives say they are determined to clear up any confusion that might exist among the Norway's allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) over Oslo's foreign and security policy.

The incoming Foreign Minister Svein Stray said in an interview that the new government was committed to maintaining a policy of close cooperation with the West and of good-neighborly relations with the Soviet Union. Stray, a foreign minister in a former coalition government, said confusion might have arisen from differing opinions within the previous Labor administration over Norway's military posture, its commitment to NATO, and a Nordic zone free of nuclear weapons.

The incoming Petroleum and Energy Minister Vidkun Hveding said he wanted to strike a better balance between present levels of oil and gas extraction in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea and the income it generated.

One objective was to look at indirect effects the use of oil income was having on the economy, he said.

## Belgian crisis seems eased

BRUSSELS, Oct. 14 (R) — A small Flemish school at the center of a political row closed Wednesday but the threat which it brought to the working of Belgium's caretaker government appeared to have eased.

The divided cabinet of outgoing Prime Minister Mark Eyskens agreed Tuesday night to deal with day-to-day matters after a call from King Baudouin for conciliation.

The crisis erupted when French-speaking Education Minister Philippe Busquin decided to close the Flemish section of the school in French-speaking Comines last week because it was attended by fewer than the minimum 16 children. Eyskens said the Dutch — and French-speaking education ministers would hold talks to try to find practical solutions to the issue.

Meanwhile, the 10 Flemish pupils were transferred Wednesday morning to a Flemish cultural center where classes are to be held. The dispute rekindled the country's simmering language war as it prepares for early general elections next month.

## Poland assured of Soviet bloc support

MOSCOW, Oct. 14 (Agencies) — Mikhail A. Suslov, the top ideologist of the Soviet Communist Party, declared Wednesday that Poland "can firmly count on the fraternal solidarity and support" of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact alliance.

The 78-year-old Suslov, a member of the Soviet Communist Party's ruling Politburo, spoke in Moscow a day after the party newspaper *Pravda* warned that the preservation of Polish socialism "is not only a domestic question." Suslov's remarks were reported by the official Soviet news agency Tass.

Suslov's speech, made to an education conference, and the *Pravda* article amounted to a strong new Soviet warning that Poland's Warsaw Pact allies consider themselves directly concerned by Polish developments. In 1968, Soviet bloc states invaded Czechoslovakia, claiming they had to act to preserve Czech socialism.

The comments by Suslov and in *Pravda* came in advance of a full meeting Friday of the Polish Communist Party's central committee aimed at discussing the continuing crisis in the Warsaw Pact state.

In Warsaw, meanwhile, the Polish government has moved to defuse a mounting crisis over food supplies by calling for talks with the Solidarity free trade union and all other unions in the country in the face of a new wave of strikes.

Solidarity responded to Tuesday night's request by demanding that the proposed

## Paris greets Lech Walesa

PARIS, Oct. 14 (AP) — Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa arrived in the French capital Wednesday for a week-long visit saying that the union's goal was to cure and not aggravate Poland's economic crisis.

Walesa, invited here with a Solidarity delegation by five French unions, told reporters at Orly Airport: "We have come to France in a period of very difficult times for Poland. Some say Solidarity is to blame and that if Polish workers were simply given a chance to work the country would pull itself out of the crisis."

"Polish workers know how to work, but they cannot allow the fruits of their labor to be wasted. All our actions are designed as part of a common effort to help solve the crisis," Walesa said.

## 100 Chinese killed as sub explodes

PEKING, Oct. 14 (AP) — A Chinese "G" class submarine exploded and 100 persons were killed in the North China Sea more than a month ago in an effort to launch a missile, Asian and European military experts reported Wednesday.

They said that a 320-foot submarine exploded underwater in a coastal area during an attempt to fire a ballistic missile in late August or early September. China is experimenting with launching ballistic missiles from a submarine base and still has not perfected the technique. China can fire missiles from the ground which absorbs the tremendous shock and vibration of the launch.

The several foreign sources asked that their names not be used and some said the Chinese confirmed a naval accident had taken place with high casualties. The Chinese Ministry of National Defense and the Foreign Ministry had no comment in response to questions about the naval accident.

The sources emphasized it was an accident and one said the responsible person on board the craft "forgot to do something." Major accidents usually go unreported by the government-controlled press. On No. 25, 1979, an oil rig collapsed in the North China Sea and 72 persons were killed in a case of gross negligence. The incident was not reported until the foreign press first reported it about seven months later. The Chinese press followed.

## 8 bodies found after 28 years

KEFLAVIK, Iceland, Oct. 14 (R) — Shepherds have found entombed in ice the remains of eight American crewmen of a military plane which crashed in southern Iceland 28 years ago, a U.S. military spokesman said Wednesday.

The Neptune reconnaissance plane was on route to the American naval airbase at Keflavik on Dec. 17, 1953, when it plunged into a ravine after an attempted emergency landing on a glacier.

A blizzard hindered rescue operations at the time although one body was retrieved before rescue workers withdrew. Subsequent searches found no trace of the plane or crew. Shepherds found the plane's wreckage last Sunday as it emerged from the Myrdal glacier. The eight bodies were encased in ice, the spokesman said.

Only one of the bodies could be identified — an officer whose uniform insignia had been preserved, the spokesman said.

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## Greek candidate's car destroyed by time bomb

CHANIA, Crete, Oct. 14 (R) — The car of an electoral candidate of the Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) was destroyed by a time bomb Wednesday, police said. A police spokesman said the car, belonging to Josef Valirakis, was parked outside his house when the bomb went off at dawn. No one was hurt.

An announcement by the Ministry of Public Order in Athens said a number of people, at least in the island of Crete, were trying to create a climate of tension before Sunday's general elections on Greece. It said the government had both the power and determination to impose law and order. The bomb explosion follows incidents in Heraklion, Crete, on Sunday during which supporters of PASOK clashed with followers of the ruling New Democracy Party who had gone to the island to hear a speech by Prime Minister George Rallis.

Nine persons were injured in the clashes, three of them seriously, and the Ministry of Public Order has said those responsible will stand trial. Rallis has accused PASOK of planning to terrorize its opponents.

## Weinberger trip starts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (AFP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger left Washington Wednesday on a nine-day European tour scheduled to include meetings with leaders of France, Great Britain and Sweden. He stops first in Paris for a meeting with President Francois Mitterrand, then goes to Sweden, the first visit by a U.S. defense secretary to that country.

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